

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE STATE
PAMELA K. KARNBACH	*	BOARD OF
RESPONDENT	*	PHARMACY
LICENSE NO.: 13350	*	CASE NO: 18-151

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ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann. State Govt. §10-226 (c)(2) (2014 Repl. Vol.), the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby summarily suspends the license of Pamela K. Karnbach, License Number: 13350 (the "Respondent"), to practice pharmacy, under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. ("H. O.") §§12-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2017 Supp.). This Order is based on the following investigative findings, which the Board has reason to believe are true:¹

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was licensed to practice pharmacy in the State of Maryland.
2. The Respondent was originally licensed to practice pharmacy in Maryland on or about December 15, 1993.
3. The Respondent's license expires on April 30, 2020.

¹ The statements regarding the Respondent's conduct are only intended to provide the Respondent with notice of the basis for the Board's action. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent a complete description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered against the Respondent in this matter.

4. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent worked as a pharmacist at a hospital ("Facility A"), located in Maryland.²

5. On or about January 16, 2018, the Board received information from the Director of Pharmacy at Facility A that Facility A conducted an audit of the Respondent's dispensing practices, after receiving information that the Respondent diverted controlled substances from Facility A's pharmacy.

6. An investigation conducted by Facility A revealed that between June 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017, the Respondent diverted Hydromorphone, Oxycodone, Diazepam, Fentanyl, Modafinil, Pregabalin, Chlordiazepoxide, and Alprazolam. The Respondent did not have any documented orders to remove these medications from the pharmacy.

7. Facility A's investigation revealed that the Respondent diverted medication from Facility A's pharmacy on at least 180 occasions between June 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing investigative findings, the Board concludes that the public health, safety, and welfare imperatively require emergency action in this case, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't. § 10-226(c) (2).

²Facility A is not identified in this document for privacy reasons, but this information will be provided to the Respondent upon request.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings and Conclusions of Law, it is this 20th
day of June 2018 , by a majority of the quorum of the Board, hereby


ORDERED that the license issued to the Respondent to practice pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland under license number: 13350 is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is prohibited from practicing pharmacy in the State of Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall immediately return all pharmacy licenses to the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that this **ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION** is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** as defined in Md. General Provisions Code Ann. §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2014).

6-20-18
Date


Kevin M Morgan, Pharm.D.
President
State Board of Pharmacy